Rocks

Rocks, July 10.- Farmers have been delayed from threshing wheat by the rains of last week.

The Daily Vacation Bible School opened last Monday morning at the Rocks Church, with a good attendance. The following assisted Rev. Tearle Brown: Mrs. Wilson Almond, Mrs. Lewis Dickerson, Misses Joyce Harris, Ruth Arrington, Doris Wilson, Annie C. Martin; Mrs. B. B. Harris, Mrs. Mary Ranson and Miss Odelle Ranson, Mrs. Alice Inge, and Mrs. Pearl Ranson.

The Home Demonstration Club held its July meeting with Mrs. John H. Ranson.

A. T. Anderson was cutting oats for G. T. Marsh Thursday.

Cassie Baldwin returned Friday after spending a few days in Clarksville, Tenn., with Mrs. W. A. Baldwin and daughter. She also went to Hopkinsville, Ky., while there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ransone, Jr., and son, Tommy, and J. P. Ransone, Sr., of Norfolk spent a few days here last week.

Misses Mary Lou and Jean Dickerson, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with Charlena Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Dickerson, of Lynchburg were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Wooldridge and children, of Evergreen, were visiting her grandmother, Mrs W. F. Ranson a'l o Saturday night.

Miss Emma Gallahier, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Misses Doris and Edith Baldwin.

The closing exercise of the Bible School was held Friday night. The program was very good. The enrollment was 75, with an average of 71.

Donald Roach is working with Bernard Richardson.

A gloom was cast over the community Friday afternoon late when Holmsey Inge, of Appomattox passed away. Deepest sympathy is extended to his dear wife and children.

In spite of the rain Sunday a large crowd attended the funeral of Holmsey Inge.

The quarterly business meeting will be held this Saturday at the church, July 15, at 2:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marsh, of Gladys and Mr. and Mrs. Whit Woodall, of Lynchburg were visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson spent a few days last week at Nags Head, N. C. while on their vacation.

Miss Joan Jennings attended the 4-H Club Short Course at Blacksburg last week.

Miss Pauline Miller and Willard Ranson will attend the 4-H Club Camp at Holliday Lake this week.

The community was shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Helen Paulette Lowe, of Evergreen last week.

congratulations and best wishes to him.

Mesdames Lily Pugh and Rosa McCullough visited their sisters, Mesdames W. C. Bass and T. L. Page last week. They also visited other relatives here.

Mesdames Bob Wells and Eugene Dunkley spent a day last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Page.

Mrs. C. E. Wilkerson spent last week-end with her mother near Vera.

Opal Coleman spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore.

Oakville, July 11.- Those visiting this week at Buckroe Beach from this vicinity are Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr., and sons, Jimmie and Richard; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Colman and Mrs. R. T. Kyle. They will be joined later in the week by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson, Misses Mary Ellen Moore, Lucile Coleman and Clark Lewis.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Sr. last week were her daughter Mrs. M. A. Williams and son, Andrew, of Cifax.

Many from this community attended the 95th birthday celebration of Mr. A. M. Goodman at Spout Spring Sunday afternoon. It was his 95th birthday.

Miss Virginia Lewis is attending the Home Economics Camp at Smithfield, Va. this week.

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Pamplin RFD 1

Pamplin, R. F. D. 1, July 11.- The Third Quarterly Conference was held at Piney Ridge Church Thursday night at 8 o'clock. Dr. Thomas F. Carroll, Dist. Superintendent, gave a most interesting talk, after which the business for the quarter was taken up.

Mrs. Alese Cumby visited friends and relatives in Newport News recently.

Little Janice Price is recovering from a recent operation.

Mrs. Calvin Tolley and children, of Newport News spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tolley.

Mrs. Edwin Blanks and son, Bernard, of Monroe spent several days last week with Mrs. Annie Meadows.

Mrs. Jesse Tolley and little son, Jesse Wayne and Miss Naomi Meadows spent last week with friends and relatives in Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Arrington and Miss Minnie Sizemore, of Farmville visited Mrs. Mary Sizemore and family Sunday.

Oakville

Oakville, July 11.- Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Blanks, of Lynchburg, spent last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith. Miss Barbara Whitesides and Cpl. Richard E. Smith, Jr. spent a day during the holidays in this home.

Mrs. S. B. Marshall, of Hamlin, W. Va., spent a week recently with her sister, Mrs. C. D. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Reynolds and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilkerson and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilkerson during last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilkerson, of Lynchburg spent last week with relatives here.

R. L. Harris is a patient at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, and C. Roland Smith at the Lynchburg General Hospital. We extend them and their families best wishes for for their recoveries.

Mrs. E. B. Martin and Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr. and children went to Kingsport, Tenn. this week to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. Hartley Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ed Stinson visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stinson recently.

Mrs. Maurice Williams and children spent last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Sr. Carol visited her aunt, Mrs. Beverley Martin for several days.

Friends and relatives from here visited Mr. A. M. Goodman Sunday on his 95th birthday. We extend

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

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Easy Roberts mowed his lawn early last Saturday. Then he sat on the porch, and watched Handy Peterson cutting his grass.

The Roberts' property and the Peterson's border each other—with no hedge or fence between them. So, when Easy noticed Handy had left about a four-foot strip unmowed along the boundary, he walks over and asks why.

"That's your land," says Handy. "Mine ends here. See, it lines up with that oak tree across the road!" Easy didn't think so, so they went up and down looking for the surveyor's marker. Where did they find it? Right in the middle of their "no man's land!"

Well, they both grin and take turns finishing the job and then retreat to Easy's for a friendly glass of beer together. From where I sit, a little searching around for the truth of the matter often shows that the other fellow is as much right as you are—at which point the whole thing doesn't seem as important anyway.

Joe Marsh

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Uncle Sam Says

Planting time is over and farmers and gardeners are now tending their crops carefully. But, despite all this care there is one worry—the weather. A heavy storm or drought can wipe out all the work that has gone before. So it is with you. A crippling accident or a long illness can seriously affect you financially. In either case there is one sure-safe way of providing for a contingency—the purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds. You CAN guarantee future security by enrolling today for the Payroll Savings Plan where you work or the Bond-A-Month Plan at your bank.

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LESSON: The Book of Ruth. DEVOTIONAL READING: Proverbs 31:

Why Families?

Lesson for July 16, 1950

Dr. Foreman

THE ENGLISH language has a word not found in the original languages of the Bible; it is not in Hebrew, Greek or French for that matter. It is the word "home." Ancient homes were not invented or developed or Americanized as the ancient peoples of the world had homes even if they had the special word "home." The story of Ruth is a homestory, a family story. It comes from the times of the Judges. There were very rugged times indeed.

To read the Book of Judges you would think that everything was bloody and wars and murder. There is a peaceful story in the book. And then comes the story of Ruth. It reminds us that even in those terrible times there were happy people, people who minded their business and worked hard and enjoyed home and loved one another. The bright spots in today's vast areas of misery are just what they were in Ruth's time.

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Working Together

A HOME is a place to go when everything else has shut up" is not a true proverb. For if that is what it is, it is not a home. It is only a boarding house and not a very attractive one at that.

It is the people who live in it who make it. But just throwing people together within four walls, even if the people are closely related, will not make a home. When you read the story of Ruth you see one thing standing out: they are all working people.

In this day, there are fewer divorces in the country than in the cities, and one big reason for that is that country families have to work together, while city families often have little in common. In the country everybody turns to and does something about the house, everybody helps everybody else; while in the cities where so much is done by machines and houses are very small, there isn't much a family can do together. Still, it is worth while for any family to try to work out something that they can all do together.

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Stability in Variety

IT is striking that in the Bible the warmest expression of devotion shown by one person to another, is expressed by one woman to her mother-in-law, by Ruth to Naomi. Ruth was of a different race and generation and nation. Yet she chose Naomi's family for her own. That illustrates another beautiful feature of living in a family. You learn to live with all kinds of people. Even in so small a group, no two are alike. And the thing that holds a family together almost better than anything else is not similar tastes in breakfast foods, or identical educations, or equality of age or temperament: it is common ideals, it is agreement about the important things in life.

What do you, for example, think is the greatest thing in the world? Do your family agree with you? If they do (or you with them) then you have a basis for a happy family life.

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Stability in Worship

HIGH ideals, held by all in common, are almost the best family cement; but better and best is religion. When you read the story of Ruth you are struck not only by those high ideals but by their natural, heart-felt, everyday religious faith. It comes out in the remarks of Boaz. It was one of the things that no doubt had attracted Ruth to the family in the first place. The climax of her famous promise to her mother-in-law is "thy God shall be my God."

It is at best confusing, and at worst tragic, when families are divided in their religious faith. Some one has said that when the father belongs to one denomination and the wife to another, the children are likely to become Nothingarians.

The old family pew, happily not out of style in many places, is more than a quaint custom. It is a fine symbol of family life at its best. Where are the most of the broken homes? Among the families where father and mother send the children to Sunday school while they themselves lie around at home reading the paper, or among the families where all go to the house of God together? A home without real religion is a home without its surest foundation.

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VA. TEACHERS' FUND RAISE APPROVED

Governor Battle has approved a request by the State Department of Education which puts $69,181.00 into the teachers' sick leave fund.

The Governor acted at the request of Dowell J. Howard, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who said the $100,000 appropriated for the state's share of sick leave for teachers in 1949-50 was $69,181.69 short of meeting claims by the localities.

According, Howard proposed that the money be shifted from a balance of some $90,000 or $95,000 in the special supervision fund. He pointed out that both appropriations are for the same purpose, compensation of teachers.

State support of sick leave was first provided by the 1948 General Assembly when an appropriation of $100,000 per year for the biennium was made.

For the 1950-52 biennium, the State Board requested appropriations of $160,000 the first year and $170,000 the second year. The legislature provided $125,000 yearly.

LOCAL STUDENT ON DEAN'S LIST

Daniel Henry Almond, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Almond, of Appomattox, was one of 76 Lynchburg College students named to the dean's list for scholastic achievement during the spring semester.

A graduate of Rustburg High School in 1940, Almond entered Lynchburg College in 1947, after service in the Army Air Forces. An economics major, he will receive his B. A. degree at the end of the current summer session in August. He served as president of both his freshman and sophomore class and has been active in the Business Club.

TERMITE CONTROL SHOULD BEGIN BEFORE BUILDING

Don't give termites a one-way ticket to your home.

If you are building, or thinking of building, a home, you can save some added expense by following now some suggestions for termite-control.

Entomologists say ground-nesting termites can cause you plenty of trouble if you don't check them early.

Most of these termites infest buildings because the wood lies in direct or indirect contact with the moist ground. So before you begin building, go through the soil with a fine tooth rake and remove all wood debris. During construction, keep pieces of lumber and wall board from being buried around the foundation. Once you remove the wood, lumber, stakes, etc., and you have built your foundation free of cracks and cervices, you have taken the two most important steps in protecting your house against termites.

For control of termites, the entomologists recommend chemicals such as sodium arsenite, DDT and pentachlorophenol. Since these are poisonous materials, they should be used only according to directions given in Farmers' Bulletin No. 1993 of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, on "Preventing Decay and Termite Damage in Houses." Write the Agricultural Extension Service at V. P. I., Blacksburg, Va.

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Plant Diseases Are Widespread in Virginia

Diseases are making heavy inroads on small grain and tobacco crops in Virginia this season, according to S. B. Fenne, plant disease specialist at V. P. I.

Blackshank and Granville wilt on tobacco are "worse than ever before," and glume blotch and scab on wheat are general throughout the state.

Fenne says the disease-resistant varieties of tobacco are suffering along with the rest, but that the non-resistant will show a much more severe injury.

He tells farmers not to be "too concerned if they find blackshank and Granville wilt in resistant varieties. Ordinarily, he says, 'a to 5 per cent of the plants may be affected. This year, with the unusually rapid spread of the diseases, 10 to 15 per cent of the plants may be affected.

As for the wheat diseases, Fenne says almost every field in the state is affected with either glume blotch or scab, or both. There is nothing to be done about it now. Seed treatment before planting is the only practical control.

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